S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Funds provided (Rs. in lakh) 1999-00	2000-01
7.	Pre-matric Scholarship to children of those engaged in unclean occupations	2.02	2.45
8.	Scheme for Post-Matric Scholarship for SCs/STs	190.01	141.20
9.	Upgradation of merit for SCs	3.00	1.20
10.	Scheme of Book Bank for SCs	3.30	1.68
11.	Coaching & Allied Scheme for SCs	0.67	—
12.	Construction of Hostels for SC Boys	10.00	—
13.	Construction of Hostels for SC Girls	10.00	22.05
14.	Grant-in-aid to VOs working for SCs	—	10

Low literacy pockets in tribal areas of Gujarat

1482. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified low literacy pockets in tribal areas of Gujarat particularly amongst the tribal girls and women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to spread literacy in such pockets of the State?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The districts having less than 10% literacy rate among ST women as per 1991 census have been identified as low literacy pockets in the country. Kutch and Banaskantha districts in Gujarat have been so identified.

(c) A new Scheme of Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas was introduced in 1993-94 to spread literacy in the low literacy pockets so identified. Under the Scheme, as many as five complexes have so far been set up for educating the tribal girls in the identified low literacy pockets of the State of Gujarat.

Review of Utilization of SCA

1483. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deviation in the utilization of funds under SCA to Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any review of the manner of utilization of SCA;

(d) whether Government have deputed any official for the spot verification of works; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) In the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 1998, it has, inter- alia, been brought out that scrutiny of records in selected districts of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, West Bengal and Daman & Diu revealed that funds aggregating Rs. 85.88 crores, which pertain to Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan were diverted to other schemes/activities. These observations are based on sample check of documents for the period 1992-98 of the Ministry and the implementing departments and agencies of 17 States and one U.T. The matter has been taken up with the State Govts. concerned.

(c) to (e) Central Government Officers visit the States/UTs for reviewing and ascertaining the progress of implementation of schemes. Meetings/ conferences are convened at Central level with Ministers in-charge of Tribal Welfare of States along with the concerned Secretaries to review physical and financial progress of schemes/projects. In addition, the following measures are also taken to ensure effective and timely utilization of Central grants under SCA:

(i) Utilisation Certificates are insisted upon as a pre-requisite for further release of funds;

(ii) Periodic progress reports regarding the status of implementation of schemes are obtained;

(iii) At the State level, the agencies like Tribes Advisory Council, Project Implementation Committees of ITDPs at Block levels and Panchayat Samities monitor timely spending of funds and effective implementation of schemes.